



Shamrock News

10/29/21

Substitute Teachers Needed: St. Patrick School is in need of substitute teachers for all grade levels. To become a sub, you need to have at least 60 college credits and sign up with [WillSub](#). Effective November 1, substitute teacher pay rate at St. Pat's will increase to \$130 a day. Please help spread the word.

Congratulations:

- To the Freshmen & JV volleyball teams on an awesome season.
- To the middle school cross country team on a great season.

Portland Community Fund: Christmas Giving Program Applications are available in the school office. The form is due on Tuesday, November 16th at City Hall. This is available to residents within the Portland School District.

The St. Patrick School Marketing Committee is Growing!

If you are willing to share your time and talents to give back to the SPS community, we are looking for new committee members. If you have an interest in marketing, public relations, photography, graphic design, videography, social media, or a general interest in sharing St. Patrick School experiences with others, you can help. Committee members meet five (5) times per year, minimal time commitment is required. If interested, contact Ashley_Kliewer@yahoo.com or call 517-526-1818 for more information.

Veterans Day: St. Pat's will have a ceremony to honor local Veterans on Nov. 11 at 10 am. The ceremony is open to Veterans and their families. Students may wear a red, white, and blue shirt with dress code bottoms.

Pre-Regional Football Game: St. Pat's will be playing Colon at 1:00 at Portland High School this Saturday, Oct. 30. NO PASSES will be accepted. Tickets are \$7.30 and must be purchased on the [Go Fan website](#).

Let's go SHAMROCKS!

St. Pat's Winter Pre-order: Fabricated Customs is having a [pre-order](#) on shamrock pride shirts, beanies, baseball caps, pullovers, and hoodies. *Great time for Christmas shopping!* The pre-order will close on **Friday, October 29th at 8pm.**



Mind Over Matter: There is a new color and quote for the Mind Over Matter t-shirts this year. Pre-orders are being taken at this [link](#) until 8pm on November 5.



Mind Over Matter Committee News: The committee is organizing a thanksgiving day filled with service activities on November 19. To kick off the events, the students will enjoy cider and donuts in the morning. Following cider and donuts, big rocks and little rocks will be decorating charity shoeboxes and deciding what they want to put inside. After lunch, the middle and high school students are choosing whether to rake or do a service activity at the school. Middle school students must sign up for one activity. The sign up sheet is in Mrs. Martin's room. High school students who want to rake must email Mrs. Garcia by November 5th and have a signed permission slip by November 12th.

The Mind Over Matter Committee is instituting a "Kindness Challenge." Students and teachers can nominate each other for acts of kindness to enter a drawing every Friday for an out of dress code slip and a picture with the "Caught Being Kind" sign. The high school, the middle school, upper elementary (3-5), lower elementary (K-2), and school staff will each have a winner.

Fall Fest: Student athletes-don't forget to sell your raffle tickets. Paper raffle tickets should be turned in to the office by Thurs., Nov. 4. Parents of athletes should complete the [survey](#) to receive out of dress code slips. Also, [pre-order](#) your delicious dinner by Nov. 4.



Calendar of Events



10/29 Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:30-3:30p
PTO Uniform Sale Room 208 12-4p
Var. XC Regionals @ Webberville 4p

10/30 Var. Football Regionals vs. Colon @ PHS 1p

11/1 Var. VB Districts vs. Webberville @ Morrice 5p
7/8 Boys BB @ Potterville 5p

11/2 10th grade ASVAB 11:15-2:20p

11/3 Prayer Service grades 9-12 9:30a
Quiz Bowl @ Fowler 4:30p
Var. VB Districts vs. Livingston Christian @ Morrice 5p

11/4 Prayer Service for grades K-8 9:30a
7/8 Boys BB vs. Saranac @ SPS 5:30p
Var. VB District Finals @ Morrice 6p

11/5 Jean and spirit wear day
Senior open campus lunch

11/6 Var. XC State Meet @ MIS, Brooklyn

11/7 Daylight Saving Time Ends
Fall Fest Dinner Take-out only 11-2p
Big Buck Raffle Drawing 2p
Athletic Association Meeting in Parish Hall 6:30p



*St. Patrick Catholic School
Faculty, Staff, and Students
Cordially Invite You to our annual ...*

Veterans Day

Observance

Thursday, November 11, 2021

10:00 AM

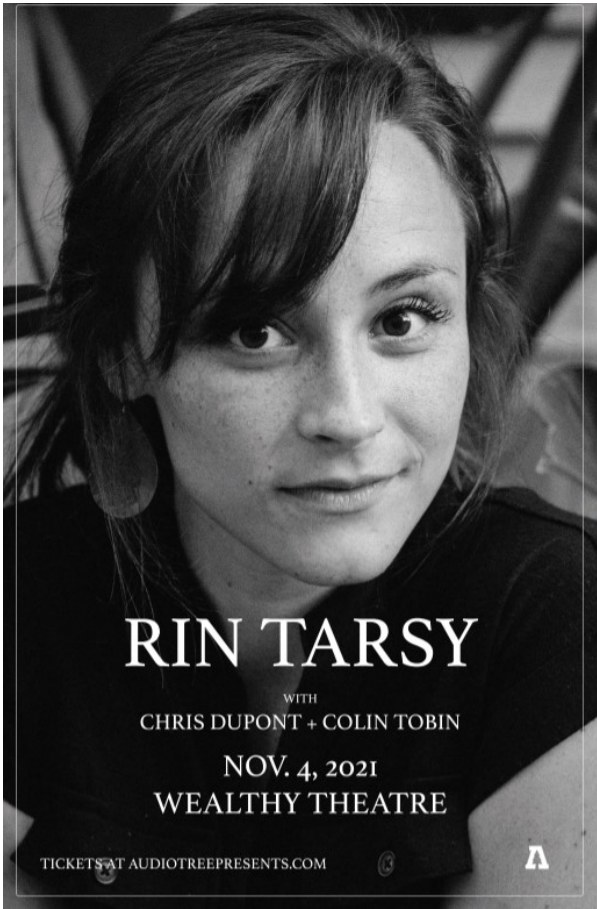
School Gymnasium

*Cookies and Coffee reception
following in the Parish Hall*



St. Patrick Catholic School, 122 West St Portland, Michigan 48875 (517)647-7551

We Pray...We Learn... We Achieve!



← 2008 St. Patrick graduate, Catherine Jandernoa is having a CD release concert on Thursday, November 4th at Wealthy Theatre in Grand Rapids.

Bus Changes: Portland Public Schools reduced

Day		No Transportation		
Monday		Bus A (4)	Bus B (5)	Bus C (11)
Tuesday		Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
Wednesday		Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
Thursday		Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)
Friday		Rotation		
Friday Rotation	Oct 22	No School for St. Pat's		
	Oct 29	1/2 Day for St. Pat's - No Busing		
	Nov 5	Bus D (14)	Bus E (12)	Bus F (16)
	Nov 12	Bus G (17)	Bus H (1)	Bus I (2)
	Nov 19	Bus J (3)	Bus K (15)	Bus L (18)

COUNSELOR'S CORNER



Elementary Counseling Lessons

- ◆ K: Responsibility
- ◆ 1: Listening and Following Directions
- ◆ 2: Responsibility
- ◆ 3: Choices and Consequences
- ◆ 4: Responsibility: Home, School, Community and Myself
- ◆ 5: Choices and Consequences

IMPORTANT TEST DATES

ASVAB (10th Grade): November 2, 2021

SAT (11th Grade): March 23, 2022

Middle School Counseling Lessons

- ◆ 7: Xello Career Exploration
- ◆ 8: Xello Career Exploration

High School Counseling Lessons

- ◆ 9: Advocating for Yourself
- ◆ 12: Xello Career Exploration

MY MOODS

When I Feel

I Can

ANGRY

mad
yelling
mean
hitting

Take a walk.
Count to 10.
Do wall
push-ups.

AFRAID

shaky
jumpy
tense
scared

Hum a tune.
Talk it out.
Sing a song.

ANXIOUS

wiggly
bothered
confused
restless

Take deep
breaths.
Squeeze a ball.
Draw a picture.

SAD

blue
worried
upset
tired

Hug myself.
Tell an adult.
Think happy
thoughts.

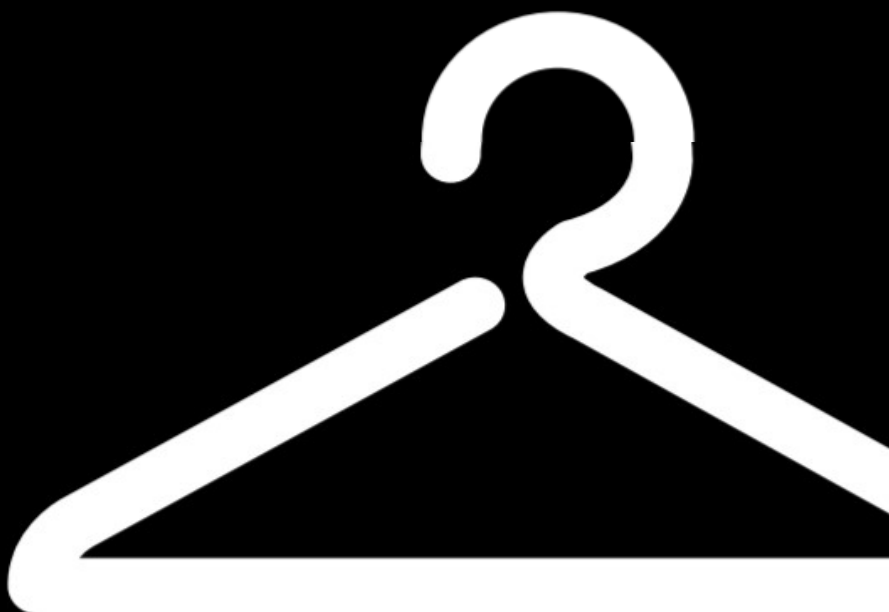
ST. PAT'S PTO UNIFORM ROOM SALES

ROOM 208



OCTOBER 28
4:00 - 8:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 29
12:00 - 4:00 P.M.



Shop with us in the Uniform Room on the 2nd floor (Room 208) of St. Pat's School! You'll find clothes all of sizes, including a large variety of spirit wear! All items are in great used condition, and you may even find brand new items with tags!

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PER ITEM!

Questions? Contact St. Pat's PTO
pto@portlandstpats.org



Portland St. Patrick Fall Festival

November 7, 2021

The 2021 [Portland St. Patrick's Fall Festival](#) will be limited to the raffle and take out dinner again this year.

Fall Festival Dinner-Take Out Only

The Fall Festival Dinner will be on Sunday, November 7, from 10:30 - 2:00, and will be take-out only. You can purchase your dinners [online](#) and choose your own pick up time using the QR code at the bottom of the page. If you need help with your online purchase or would like to place your order over the phone, please call Jill Scheurer at 517-944-4725.

Cost is \$10 each and your dinner will include:

- 2 Meats
- Potatoes
- Vegetable
- Dessert

Big Bucks Raffle



The Big Bucks Raffle will be held on November 7, at 2:00 p.m. You can buy a ticket for \$100 with prizes of:

- 1st prize: \$5000 cash
- 2nd prize: \$1000 cash
- 3rd-6th prizes: \$500 cash

Buy your ticket [online](#), or from any Shamrock athlete! Raffle License #R61944

Special Offers:

Buy 2 tickets at Regular Price (\$100), get a 3rd Ticket Free. Good now through October 3, 2021.

PLUS---EARLY BIRD SPECIAL:

All tickets purchased before October 3 will be put into a special drawing---to get a free ticket! Better hurry!

Supporting the Fall Festival is Supporting our Shamrock Athletics!

The Fall Festival supports the Shamrock athletic program, which is funded entirely by the Athletic Association. The past couple of years have not been kind to the group, who saw their rainy-day fund disappear because of large unexpected expenses. Cancelled games last year, along with Covid-related restrictions further depleted the account.

Please consider buying one or more tickets for the Big Bucks Raffle, and order dinners for your family. If you would like to make a separate donation to the Athletic Association, please click on the button below.

Thank you from the Shamrock athletes, coaches, and fans.



Use the QR Code to purchase your raffle or take out dinners soon!

Contact

Jill Scheurer, Chair (517) 944-4725

Address

122 West Street
Portland, MI



SUPPORT ST. PAT'S PTO

FALL FUNDRAISER

October 15-31, 2021

With the holidays fast approaching, we have teamed up with 3 local businesses to offer a one-stop shopping experience!

Candles & Wax Melts
FROM THE PORT

Card Sets
FROM USBORNE BOOKS & MORE

Coffee
FROM COURAGEOUS COFFEE

Order Online through 10/31/21:

<https://bit.ly/SPSfallfund>



<https://youtu.be/HjraoRSBPjw>



BONUS FEST

NEW 3-DAY BONUSES

EVERY FRIDAY – SUNDAY

Oct 8 – 31



RaiseRight

Questions? Email: Scrip@PortlandStPats.org

by ShopWithScrip



Portland Public Schools is announcing the following Transportation Incentive Program to begin on October 11, 2021. School bus and van driver employment opportunities are available with both Portland Public Schools and METS.

Wages

Transportation salaries will be increased by \$1.50/hr making our base run rate \$20/hr for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

Signing Bonus

The following signing bonus will be provided to all newly hired drivers:

- \$3,000 for a fully certified bus driver that begins employment before January 1, 2022
- \$2,000 for a fully certified bus driver that begins employment after January 1, 2022
- \$1,000 for any uncertified bus or van driver

Miscellaneous

The District will pay for all necessary bus driver training courses. Individuals will receive \$250 for taking and completing the training courses. All driver related costs (fingerprint, CDL, etc.) will be reimbursed. Drivers will be offered PTO and Holiday Pay.

Retention Bonus

All drivers will receive a retention incentive of \$1,000 for their continued employment into the 2022-2023 school year.

If you or anyone you know may be interested in driving part time or full time please have them contact our HR Specialist Diana Graef at dgraef@portlandk12.org or call our office at (517) 647-4161.